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FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION APPARATUS AND SURFACE INSPECTION METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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- ☒ Amendment/Reply w/Marked-Up Copy
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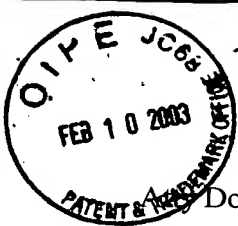


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SERIAL NO: 09/147,520 : EXAMINER: R. ROSENBERGER
RCE FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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DEAR SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 7, 8, 11, and 12, without prejudice or disclaimer, and rewrite as new claims 17-42 as shown in clean form below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

17. (New) A surface inspection method characterized in using a surface inspection apparatus, the surface inspection apparatus comprising:

a light source structurally configured to apply a light to a surface of an object to be measured;

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